

**Town of Egremont
Community Health Inclusion Index (CHII) Committee
Prospect Lake Public Access**

**Minutes of Meeting
January 18, 2022**

See Zoom audio recording https://www.egremont-ma.gov/CHIIgrant22_0118.mp3

Meeting called to order at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Joyce Frater, (Friends of Prospect Lake)

David Seligman, (Conservation Comm. Chair) Donna Bersch, (COA Board, Lake user) Bruce Bernstein, (Council on Aging Chair) Peg McDonough (Regional Planner, CHII Chair)

Members of the Public Present: Sandra Martin, Resident,

Ingrid Battaglia, Resident, 55 Prospect Lake Road, Nick Arienti, Esq., Hellman, Shearn & Arienti, LLP, on behalf of Battaglia

Grant Work Plan reviewed. P. McDonough to complete CHII training on Jan. 19 and be main contact with MA Dept. Public Health (funder), MA DCR and AdLib. All three will be contacted before next meeting.

Work plan omitted the fact that the Town does not own any property on Prospect Lake and the Committee has been expressly forbidden to initiate conversations with private property owners by Select Board. Committee's work limited to the MA DCR site and a look at current use and safety issues along the narrow Town right of way, know as "the gap," which property is owned by the Battaglia family.

Committee agreed that "safe access" to the Lake may also include discussions of speeding, traffic incidents, parking (with EPD), extent of Town right-of-way, signage, lack of striping of any kind, possible methods of traffic calming (with EHWY Dept.) D.Seligman to speak to EHWY. PMcDonough to EPD.

CHII Grant funding may be used to hire design consultant, experienced with ADA-access to water bodies. Committee members asked to get recommendations for consultants for next meeting.

D.Seligman suggested that a review of the DCR site history with the Battaglia's would be helpful for the Committee, at next meeting. Atty. Arienti and Mrs. Battaglia volunteered to draw up notes for review, as will Committee members/residents. Atty. Arienti to forward notes via email to PMcDonough, prior to next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 8th at 2PM via zoom.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: P. McDonough, Committee Chair, 2/1/22